

# Yellowstone County

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## Blue Creek View Major Subdivision RSID 671

Dear Property Owners

Yellowstone County Road & Bridge Department has completed the majority of the work in the road maintenance project that was voted on and approved by the property owners in Blue Creek View Major Subdivision.

The drainage issues have been addressed. The road shoulders were cleaned of oversized material, dirt, and debris allowing proper drainage from the road into the barrow ditches. Approximately 4 inches of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch road mix was added to the existing base gravel on Vista Blue Circle, Vista View Road, Vista View Circle and Basin Creek North from the intersection of Vista Blue Circle to the intersection of Vista View Road. The hill section of Basin Creek North received a lesser amount of road mix, approximately 2 inches.

Magnesium chloride was added on Basin Creek North (the hill section), in an attempt to hold the material together on the hill. None of the material, time or magnesium chloride was charged to the RSID. This was done at the county's expense. After allowing the new gravel to settle in place Yellowstone County will come back grade and compact the new material once more at no cost to the RSID. The guardrail will be extended 150 feet up the hill. This is a relatively small job so the contractor will fit it between his other jobs. Although the exact time frame is unknown at this time, we anticipate that this will be completed in the next 2 months.

The cost for the work that was done is substantially lower than what we had originally estimated. As stated in the letter that was sent out for approval of the project, if costs were lower after completion, the amount of assessments would be adjusted accordingly. This was a time and materials project, with a not to exceed amount. As you are aware, Yellowstone County does not include a profit margin like a private contractor.

The cost of cleaning up the road shoulders, cleaning the drainage ditches and culvert inlets and outlets along with relocating one culvert and extending it is \$3,556.16. The cost of adding and compacting approximately 4 inches of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch road base is \$26,646.51. The guardrail cost will be \$3,235.00. Total project cost \$33,437.67. Originally, this was estimated to be approximately \$72,000 (letter of March 30, 2020 from Mike Black, PE).

The original estimate was \$500.00 per parcel per year for 3 years.

## The revised cost per parcel per year for 3 years will be \$150.00.

The revised cost per parcel per year for 3 years, will be \$150 per parcel per year for 3 years. This will be in addition to your regular assessment of \$150.00 per year.

• Year 2020-2021	\$150 (regular assessment)	\$150 (payment for amount borrowed)	\$300 (TOTAL)
• Year 2021-2022	\$150 (regular assessment)	\$150 (payment for amount borrowed)	\$300 (TOTAL)
• Year 2022-2023	\$150 (regular assessment)	\$150 (payment for amount borrowed)	\$300 (TOTAL)
• Year 2023-2024	\$150 (regular assessment)		\$150 (TOTAL)
• Amount assessed in future years may vary as prices increase (or decrease, if that happens), or as the RSID balance dictates.			

Yellowstone County has received some calls concerning the work that has taken place. Some have expressed concerns over the road having some washboards, along with other minor issues. We ask that you please keep in mind there has just been 4 inches of new gravel placed on your roads. Even though we watered and compacted the new gravel it needs a little time to get set in place.

Yellowstone County will do the following:

- Sometime in the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> we will come back, at no charge to the RSID, grade and re-compact the new material. This will help the in-place gravel “tighten-up” or interlock and compact to a greater extent.

Please note, however, it is still a gravel road with some steep hill sections and a relatively high volume of traffic, therefore some amount of wash boarding will occur, and is typical.

Driver behavior can be one of the best ways to help minimize wash boarding. Start off slowly and brake slowly when travel on gravel roads. When climbing hill sections it is advised to use all wheel drive (or four wheel drive if you have it) especially when towing a trailer.

Alternate slightly the path your wheels travel to enhance compaction and minimize the potential for rutting and “wash boarding”. And please keep your speed down. All of these things will help your road stay smoother, and last longer, but it is still a gravel road and will require regular maintenance.

There has also been some criticism of the county’s work. Yellowstone County Road & Bridge department strives for excellent service. We are proud that we were able to complete your project substantially below the amount originally estimated. Some of the complaints received, indicated that some believed they did not receive enough “bang for the buck”. We take these concerns seriously. We desire our customers (taxpayers) to be satisfied with the service provided to them.

Therefore, we offer to you at this time, the opportunity to have a private contractor preform **any and all future maintenance on your roads from now on**, rather than the County Road & Bridge Department.

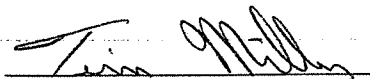
If this option is selected, Yellowstone County will send out a request for quotes and have a private contractor perform your maintenance needs. The private contractor would be paid by your RSID funds just as your RSID funds have paid the Road & Bridge Department for past maintenance. Be advised that Yellowstone County will provide the scope of work and solicit quotes (bids) from private contractors for such work. The contract will be between Yellowstone County and a private contractor – paid with funds from your RSID account.

We have provided a self-addressed, postage paid, post card for you to choose your preference

- Continue maintenance by the Road & Bridge Department;
- Maintenance by a private contractor.

Please return the post card by May 28, 2020. We will tally the results and notify your Ad-Hoc committee. Your preference will be based on a simple majority of the returned post card survey.

Thank you for your interest in your roads; and for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-256-2735.



Tim Miller, Public Works Director

cc: Board of County Commissioners – Yellowstone County

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C12826  
BURCHAM, MARIO & DARLA  
3795 VISTA VIEW RD  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-9114

C12487  
EASTBURN, LEE E &  
3715 VISTA BLUE CIR  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-9101

C12842  
HAALAND, GLENNA  
3975 VISTA VIEW RD  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-9116

C12837  
KLUNDER, SCOTT A & ELIZABETH J  
3915 VISTA VIEW CIR  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-5735

C12485  
LINDBERG, TROY D & BONNIE R & JULIE A  
3725 VISTA BLUE CIR  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-9101

C12486  
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C12828  
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3835 VISTA VIEW LN  
BILLINGS, MT 59101-9105

C12848  
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C12839  
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C12852  
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3810 VISTA VIEW RD  
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3805 VISTA VIEW ROAD  
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STEVENS, DAVID M & SANDRA S  
3843 VISTA VIEW LN  
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3720 BASIN CREEK RD  
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C12835  
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C12831  
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